

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,5-20 and 22.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 20070316.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kevin Su (Reg. 57377) on 3/16/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1: delete lines 1-7 and replace with -- A detector device for detecting an object in a detecting zone by emitting an electro-magnetic signal using a generated signal into the detecting zone and receiving a first electro-magnetic signal therefrom through a conductor, the detector device comprising at least a field-distorter comprising a semiconductor device disposed adjacent to the conductor, the conductor for carrying the received first electro-magnetic signal; the field-distorter being responsive to an input signal to shift the phase of the received first electromagnetic signal to produce a phase shifted signal in the conductor; and a mixer to mix the phase shifted signal with the generated signal to produce--

Claim 10: line 2, replace "second" with --generated--, and "received" with --transmitted--.

Claim 11: line 2, replace "second" with --generated--.

Claim 18: Delete lines 1-7 and replace with --A motion detection system for detecting an object in a detecting zone by emitting an electro-magnetic signal using a generated signal into the detecting zone and receiving the first electro-magnetic signal therefrom through a conductor, the detector device comprising at least a field-distorter comprising a semiconductor device disposed adjacent to the conductor, the conductor for carrying the received first electro-magnetic signal; the field-distorter being responsive to an input signal to shift the phase of the received first electro-magnetic signal to produce a phase shifted signal in the conductor; and a mixer to mix the phase shifted signal with the generated signal to produce a combined signal having a--

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Claim 19: Delete lines 1-9 and replace with --A method of operating a detector device for detecting an object in a detecting zone by emitting an electro-magnetic signal using a generated signal into the detecting zone and receiving a first electro-magnetic signal therefrom through a conductor, the detector device comprising at least a field-distorter comprising:

disposing a semiconductor device adjacent to the conductor, the conductor for carrying the received first electro-magnetic signal; the field-distorter being responsive to an input signal to shift the phase of the received first electromagnetic signal to produce a phase shifted signal in the conductor;

mixing the phase shifted signal with the generated signal to produce a combined signal having a characteristic determined--.

In claim 19: line 14, replace "circuit element" with --field-distorter--,

line 15 replace "circuit element" with --field-distorter--, after "characteristic of the" before "first" insert --received--,

line 17 after "exerted on the" before "first" insert --received--

Claim 20: line 5, replace "a second" with --the generated--

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Son M. Tang whose telephone number is (571)272-2962. The examiner can normally be reached on 5/8.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel J. Wu can be reached on (571)272-2964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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